(c) the details of incentives being given to exporters operating their business in NER ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The Central Government maintains export data for the country as a whole and not State-wise. However, the main items of export from the North East region of India are coal, ginger, dry chilly, fruits and vegetables limestone, sugar, onion, kerosene, salt and spices, engineering goods, drugs and pharmaceuticals.

(b) As per the available data from Customs, exports from the North East region during the last four years are as follows :

Period	Export (Rupees in Crores)
1995-96	169.83
1996-97	108.94
1997-98	439.02
1998-99	418.08

(c) Double weightage is provided to the exporters from NE region for fulfilling export obligations for the purpose of granting the status of Export House etc. Air subsidy is also provided for exports of pineapple exported from airports located in the North East i.e. Agartala, Silchar, Guwahati, Imphal etc. The minimum export obligation for the units located in Export Promotion Industrial Parks in the North East has been kept at 25% of the production as against 33% which is the norm.

Exporting Minerals

4439. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of minerals exported from the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) tha names of the countries to which these minerals were exported and ;

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) Sir, Country-wise export details of minerals exported during the last three years, alongwith destination and value thereof are given in the statement (*see* below). State-wise details are notmaintained by DGCI&S/Agencies involved.

STATEMENT

Country-wise Export Details in Respect of Minerals

Qty. in Million tonnes; Value in Rs. Crores (Million US$)

Minerals Exported	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000 (Apr-Dec.) (Prov.)		Major countries
	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	
IRON ORE	29.49	1769.65 (476.16)	21.49	1599.52 (380.20)	11.79	729.04 (160.86)	China PR, Japan, Korea, Pakistan
MICA	0.05	40.04 (10.77)	0.04	43.55 (10.35)	0.02	34.03 (7.87)	Belgium, China PR, Germany, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, U.K., U.S.A.
COAL	0.54	88.37 (23.78)	6.88	133.66 (31.77)	2.97	59.60 (13.78)	Bangladesh, Nepal
PROCESSED MINERALS	N.M.	1251.00 (336.60)	N.M.	989.40 (235.18)	N.M.	718.52 (166.14)	Australia, Belgium,Canada, Chinese Taipei, China PR, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Russia,Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, U.A.E, U.K., U.S.A.
OTHER ORES & MINERALS	N.M.	793.46 (213.50)	N.M.	982.13 (233.45)	N.M.	1062.95 (245.77)	Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Chinese Taipei, China PR, Germany, Hong-Kong,Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, U.A.E., U.K., U.S.A.

(N.M.: Not maintained)

Source: DGCI & S